STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: June 1, 2015
Agenda Item #: 3

TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Susan Parker, Town Administrator
TITLE: **Paved Shoulder Main Street Proposal**
ATTACH: Projected Cash and Investments Balance at Fiscal Year-end

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Summary: During the construction of the Streetscape Project, Staff discussed options with Chad Kimes, North Carolina Department of Transportation, related to improving public safety on Main Street. He referenced the Streetscape Project and the 4 feet of paved shoulder on each side which assists in increasing the separation between vehicular traffic, and pedestrians and bicyclists.

At the 2015/2016 Planning Session, Staff shared this information with the Town Council to determine the support of paving the shoulder of Main Street from the east-end to the west-end of the state-owned street. NCDOT would be responsible for all engineering, permits and construction requirements related to the project and all future maintenance. Although Staff originally had this project listed for FY16/17 in the Capital Improvement Plan, I was recently informed that NCDOT plans to bid the project this fall. If we wish to partner with NCDOT and pave the shoulder at the same time as their resurfacing project it produces a significant cost savings to the Town (i.e. engineering, permits, and mobilization expenses). This partnership requires a commitment from the Town prior to the bid release. The estimated cost for the Town's partnership with NCDOT equals $535,000.

Fiscal/Policy Implications: This project could be funded and structured in a manner that would not compromise any other budgeted projects in FY15/16.

Future Street Paving	$200,000
Remaining Streetscape Funds	$210,000
Future Development	$130,000
	$540,000

Recommendation: Authorize Staff to move forward with this project by sending a letter of commitment to the State of North Carolina Department of Transportation and instruct Staff to prepare and present a Capital Project Ordinance for Town Council approval at a future meeting.